

BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS AND UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

All schools are required to have a bloodborne pathogens exposure control plan. Universal precautions are to be utilized with all students and with any exposure to blood or bodily fluids.

AUTHORIZATION/LEGAL REFERENCE:

21 V.S.A. Chapter 3 § 201 – Occupational policy

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/statutes/fullsection.cfm?Title=21&Chapter=003&Section=00201>

21 V.S.A. Chapter 3 § 224 – Rules and standards

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/statutes/fullsection.cfm?Title=21&Chapter=003&Section=00224>

29 CFR 1910.1030 – Bloodborne Pathogens

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=STANDARDS&p_id=10051

DEFINITION:

Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control Plan - A plan which defines the employees who may incur occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials, the response to possible contamination and hazards and section on training.

Required School Nurse/Associate School Nurse Role

- Review school's bloodborne pathogens exposure control plan; alert administration of new guidelines as necessary.
- Develop safe practices for disposal of needles, other sharps and contaminated waste.
- Establish procedures for use of personal protective equipment for cleaning blood and body fluid spills and proper disposal; inform appropriate staff in procedure as needed.
- Ensure that sink used for cleaning of blood injuries is located away from refrigerator, medicine cabinet and any eating surfaces.

Vermont Standards of Practice; School Health Services



- Provide information to students and staff about safe practices when injuries occur on school grounds or school bus. Implement post exposure control plan in the event of blood or bodily fluid exposure.

SUGGESTED SCHOOL NURSE/ASSOCIATE SCHOOL NURSE ROLES:

- Act as a resource for bloodborne pathogen annual staff training
- Provide first aid kits to classroom teachers, recess duty staff, bus drivers and staff on field trips which include gloves/protective barriers and bandaging supplies.

RESOURCES:

Vermont Department of Occupational Safety and Health (VOSHA)
<http://www.labor.vermont.gov/>

Vermont Department of Health HIV program
http://www.healthvermont.gov/prevent/aids/aids_index.aspx

SAMPLE POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND FORMS:

Sample HIV Policy

http://education.vermont.gov/new/pdfdoc/resources/model_hiv_0906.pdf